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Dear Sirs:

Your letter sounds like a typical attorneys response; when an issue is one way; they want to make it completely different than what it is.

In reference to your second paragraph, we have no other problems in our immediate area except from Hercules. Sunday October 15, 1989 we didn't notice any company name on a barge; but all through the afternoon bad odors were detected from Hercules facilities. One of those barges might have been a caustic container but if caustic is odorless then its obvious that the odors came from other barges on your property. You also mention sources, up-wind from Hercules location! Please name those Companies who are releasing emissions into the air, if any.

In reference to your third paragraph, living on the intracoastal waterway is not our problem. Let me correct you, that moving barges on the intra-coastal canal is only momentarily. Odors from Hercules have been at times an all day affair. Many releases have been after midnight. If a person other than a Hercules employee are opening barges after midnight, please give me that name.

As to the City of Freeport, just because they granted rezoning does not excuse them from moral and legal responsibilities to safeguard the safety and welfare of the citizens; and does not grant Hercules the right to do so.

You state that we have communicated with Hercules customers. At no time have we communicated with Hercules customers for any purpose. As you may or may not know, there is a Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) organization; which part of their efforts are to track chemical releases. It just so happens that one of the leading companies in that organization happens to be Dow Chemical U.S.A.

Through the efforts of CAER, in the last several years, several members of the Environmental Control Services with Dow; has investigated complaints; two of the critical issues were of the Benzene and Styrene releases.

Please be informed that Bridge Harbor Subdivision has been in the area for over twenty years. It is also an area that is strictly residential and is experiencing 90% of the new housing permits in the City of Freeport.

Back to the emissions and sand-blasting, if you have a permit by any person or any authority to deposit sand, lead, paint or any other components derived from your sand-blasting operations or emissions of dangerous chemicals on our person or property; please furnish me with that name or that authority.

In closing I hope this letter clears up any misunderstanding on your part; that we will not tolerate the effects of sand-blasting or releases of gas to be placed on our person or property.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Casale".

Bob Casale

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